

WATER QUALITY ENTERPRISE
COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIRED DEBT SERVICE COVERAGE RATIOS
DECEMBER 31, 2001

The Water Quality Enterprise is obligated by applicable bond ordinances to set sewage disposal rates at a level adequate to provide net revenue equal to at least 1.15 times the annual debt service requirements for sewer revenue and general obligation bonds payable from revenues of the Enterprise. It is the adopted policy of the County to achieve a debt service coverage ratio of 1.25.

Coverage (1.15 required by covenant, adopted policy 1.25) 1.36

The Enterprise is required to generate revenues sufficient to pay all costs of operation of the sewage treatment system and debt service on obligations of the Enterprise.

Coverage (1.00 required by covenant) 1.07

In 2001 the Enterprise issued an additional tier of revenue bonds. The bond covenants of the Junior Lien Variable Rate Demand Sewer Revenue Bonds require that sewage disposal rates are adequate to provide net revenue equal to at least 1.10 times the annual debt service requirements for all Junior Lien obligations after payment of senior lien requirements.

Coverage (1.10 required by covenant) 26.58

In 2001 the County adopted a new debt service coverage target of 1.15 times the annual debt service for bonds, obligations, notes, and loans of the Enterprise.

Coverage (1.15 target) 1.20